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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Valve Pin Guiding Tip for a Nozzle**  
Inventor: Denis BABIN (as amended previously Sicilia *et al.*)  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115;
2. Fee Transmittal Form;
3. Credit Card Payment Form;
4. Request for Change of Attorney Docket Number;
5. Supplemental Application Data Sheet; and
6. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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